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## **Salus University's Orthotics and Prosthetics Program Receives Initial Accreditation**

**Elkins Park, Pa.** - Salus University's Orthotics and Prosthetics (O&P) program has been granted initial accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), effective March 15, 2024.

"This initial accreditation is a testament to our program's steadfast commitment to excellence and adherence to the highest educational standards," said Chad Duncan, PhD, CRC, CPO, Salus program director. "This accolade is a reflection of the hard work and devotion of our faculty, students, and staff. We are excited to celebrate this remarkable achievement and continue our commitment to providing exceptional education and training in the allied health professions."

Salus University's O&P program welcomed its first cohort of students in the fall of 2023. Upon its founding, Salus was the 14th O&P program nationwide, and one of only two programs in Pennsylvania.

The program offers a Master of Science in O&P, allowing students in the program to learn in a closely-knit cohort alongside skilled faculty who are American Board Certified prosthetists-orthotists and licensed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The next comprehensive evaluation of the program is scheduled for no later than 2029. In the meantime, the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE) will perform annual reviews to monitor the program's compliance with these standards, as well as to evaluate the outcomes based on annual reports and supporting documents.

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### **About Salus University**

Salus University, founded as the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in 1919, today is a diversified, globally recognized professional academic center of learning that offers a wide range of degree programs in the professions of Optometry, Audiology, Physician Assistant, Blindness and Low Vision Studies, Biomedicine, Occupational Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology and Orthotics and Prosthetics. Salus operates three clinical facilities in Philadelphia and Montgomery counties that provide highly

specialized vision, hearing and balance, and speech-language pathology services. The University has more than 1,200 students, and more than 14,000 alumni worldwide. For more information, please visit [www.salus.edu](http://www.salus.edu).